

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1205
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Janice Keck for 25 years of laudable service to the people of Williamson County as Director of the Williamson County Public Library System.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as innovative professionals and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Janice Keck who, for 25 years as Director of the Williamson County Public Library System, has lead the development of that system into a dynamic operation that is a model throughout the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, hired as director in May of 1979, Ms. Keck went to work in a Civil War-era house; her staff huddled on the back porch with no air or heat to type library cards; and

WHEREAS, since that time Janice Keck has overseen the building of two main library buildings, the establishment of three branches, the construction of two branch library buildings, and the renovating of space in two former school buildings to serve as branch libraries; and

WHEREAS, in addition to bricks and mortar, the growth and development of the Williamson County Public Library System has embraced automation of the catalog, circulation, and acquisitions functions and the establishment of a daily courier service for the system; and

WHEREAS, Janice Keck epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Russian language and literature, a Master of Science degree in library and information science, and a Master of Science degree in public administration; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Keck was congratulated for her 25 years of service by Ms. Gayle Moyer Harris, who lauded her for her consistent policy of reaching out to greet library visitors over the years, Ms. Marie Jordan who, on behalf of the Friends of the Library, expressed excitement over

the new library, and Williamson County Commissioner Mary Brockman, who said, "Janice has taken [us] to a wonderful level of library service. It has taken a real commitment on her part to oversee the development of this program."; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Janice Keck for her dedication to providing the citizens of Williamson County and the State of Tennessee with the best in modern library service; in doing so, she has opened great vistas of literature and knowledge to a new generation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Janice Keck for her outstanding and meritorious service to the citizens of Williamson County and the State of Tennessee as Director of the Williamson County Public Library System for the past 25 years and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.